

Customer-Focused Distribution in San Diego

DDDC Opens Material Processing Center

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Defense Distribution Depot San Diego (DDDC) and Fleet Industrial Support Center (FISC), San Diego opened the Material Processing Center (MPC) San Diego with a ribbon-cutting ceremony on June 12, 2002. BG James Pillsbury, USA, Commander, Defense Distribution Center (DDC), was the guest speaker.

In the traditional Navy supply system, material was delivered to the ship, then taken aboard to be de-bulked, broken down, and sorted for storage or issued to work centers on the ship. The MPC will perform much of the debulking and sorting effort before material is moved to the ship, saving ships' crews additional time and effort by not having to perform these functions on the ships.

"We are proud to be a part of this important effort," said CAPT Kathleen M. Dussault, SC, USN, Commander, DDDC. "Partnering with customers to improve service is a hallmark of DLA distribution centers."

The MPC deliveries will be tailored to meet the customer's requirements. DDC will be improving materiel receipt for the customer. MPC will substantially improve Navy logistics response time and improve pipeline asset visibility by giving the ship the ability to determine the status of shipments.

For incoming and outgoing material, there will be improved cross-docking functions to consolidate incoming shipments, enhanced sorting, manifest delivery and material delivery to customers. Material received will be readily traceable throughout the process from receipt to ultimate delivery aboard ship.

Others in attendance for the ribbon cutting were CAPT Raymond Berube, SC, USN, Commanding Officer, FISC San Diego, COL Edward Visker, USA, Commander, Defense Distribution Depot San Joaquin (DDJC), CAPT Derek Kemp, USN, Commanding Officer, Naval Station San Diego, CAPT Jim

Sicari, SC, USN, Supply Officer, Navy Region Southwest, CDR Nick Mato, SC, USN, Commander, Defense Distribution Depot Puget Sound, (DDPW), CDR Rob Turner, SC, USN, Commander, Defense Distribution Depot Pearl Harbor (DDPH), as well as Commanding and Supply Officers from several of the involved ships and their higher headquarters.

MPC San Diego is fully operational serving 40 of the finest naval warships. DDDC continues to work with FISC San Diego to refine MPC operations as needed to ensure both homeported and transient ships receive the optimum levels of support.

In conjunction with the MPC ribbon-cutting ceremony, BG Pillsbury took the time to visit with DDDC's Self Directed Work Teams (SDWT). During this time, BG Pillsbury was briefed on current issues and challenges that the workforce faces.

DDC has also implemented MPC at DLA distribution centers in Norfolk, VA (DDNV); Puget Sound, WA (DDPW); Pearl Harbor, HI (DDPH); Yokosuka, Japan (DDYJ); and Jacksonville, FL (DDJF) will be added this summer—all of the distribution centers that have numerous Navy customers.



BG Pillsbury, DDC Commander, CAPT Dussault, DDDC Commander, CAPT Berube, FISC San Diego Commander, Richard Strohecker, DDDC MPC Material Handler, and Rosa Downing, FISC LSR, at the DDDC MPC ribbon cutting.

DDDC Employees Recognized for Superior Performance of Duties

During a recent visit to Defense Distribution Depot San Diego, California (DDDC), BG James H. Pillsbury, USA, Defense Distribution Center (DDC) Commander, recognized several DDDC employees for their hard work and dedication.

BG Pillsbury presented Commanders Coins to Mr. Dennis Karnousky, DDC Material Processing Center (MPC) Supervisor, Mr. Jim Taylor, MPC Material Handler, Ms. Mie Sammons, Human Resources Office Team Lead, Mr. Vince Grace, Installation Services Lead, and Ms. Debra Stewart, Computer Specialist.

Keep up the good work!

